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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 10th annual conference held at Woods Hole was our biggest and Judging from the evaluations, our best - thanks to Judy Ashmore and her fine committee and to the Marine Biological Laboratory, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution and the National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Northeast Fisheries Center. A special thanks from this South Texan for the clam bake.

A feeling of "information overload" seemed to be a general consensus among participants at the conference. There was no time for attendees to interact with persons presenting papers. The executive committee has decided to run our conference next year from Monday P.M. to Friday A.M. The 1985 conference will be held in Williamsburg, VA, October 14-18, 1985. Susan Barrick is right on top of things and has already made arrangements for a hotel and our banquet. Mary Jane Beardsley is our program chairman this year. If you have any suggestions or should you wish to give a paper, please contact Mary Jane.

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The proceedings of the conference in Woods Hole is "in-press"; we are looking for the finished product in March. Those attending the conference will receive one free copy. Copies for non-attendees will cost US \$12.50. Orders need to go to Ruth Grundy; checks should be made out to IAMSLLIC.

The Ad-hoc Committees and Special Projects will stand, except for Electronic Mail (Robert Williams, chairman) who felt that all possible information had been presented to the organization and that there was no longer need for this committee. The Parliamentarian is Ken Morse.

Union Lists of Serials

Janice Meadows

Union List of Atlases

Norman Howden

Criteria for the Disbursement of
Travel Funds

Joe Wible

Bylaws

Kristen Metzger

Nominating

Josie York

Membership

Norman Howden (temporary - during
Betty Sutherland's leave of
absence

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Highlights of the annual business meeting, October 3-4, 1984

by Judy Reade, Secretary

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Our '85 conference will run over three and one-half days to accomodate more sessions. In 1986, we meet in Oregon and in 1987, the conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

CRITERIA FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL FUNDS

Revised criteria for the funding of executive board members and the newsletter editor to attend the annual conference have been devised. (See this newsletter). Members will be asked to formally ratify these in a postal ballot.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

This is the first year we have produced a directory. We hope to produce such a directory annually. IAMSILC members who attended the conference have received their free copy. Members who did not attend the conference may request a free copy of the directory from: Kristen L. Metzger, Harbor Branch Foundation, Inc., R.R. 1, Box 196, Ft. Pierce, Florida 33450 USA.

ELECTRONIC MAIL

We have had much discussion about this during the past few years. It was decided that we should wait until enough members belong to one particular system. Then we can consider joining that system as a sub-group. In the future we will be asking on our membership form what system new members belong to.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Moritz spoke on U.S. - China cooperation in the marine sciences and Robert Freeman on the IOC Working Committee on Numeric Data Exchange. Tom Moritz also proposed the the Association recommend to the U.S. Joint Committee on Printing that publication of the Fishery Bulletin remain with the National Marine Fisheries Service. This proposal was adopted. [Editors note: A letter was received from Joseph W. Angelovic, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science and Technology stating that a decision was made to continue in-house publication of Fishery Bulletin].

NEW OFFICERS

Kay Hale is our new treasurer and Mary Jane Beardsley becomes Vice-President/President-Elect.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mary Jane Beardsley reported on the University of Rhode Island/ICMRD Training Program. This will now be held in 1986, with participants attending the IAMSILC conference that year. Anyone who knows of sources of scholarship funding for these students is asked to contact Mary Jane.

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notes

Two addresses that were missing from the list of participants at the conference:

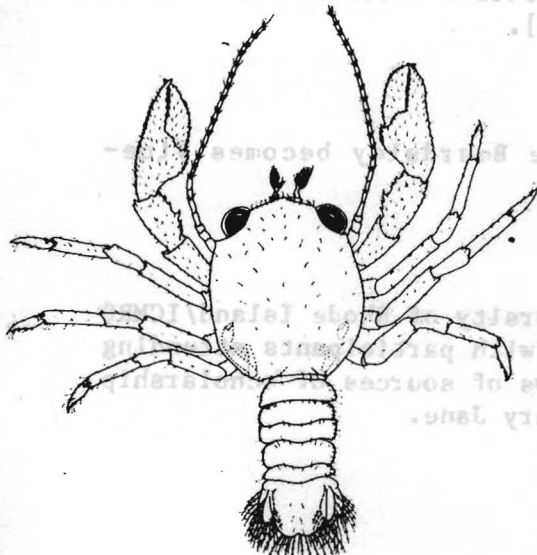
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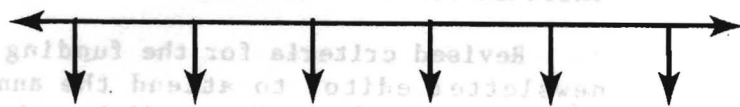
From Judy Ashmore, our 1984 conference host:

**** Everyone here enjoyed this year's conference, especially having you here in Woods Hole. It seems pretty dull now that you've gone. A special thanks for the gift I received. Ruth picked out a set of glasses, each one engraved with a different marine shell. They are lovely and appropriate. J.A. ****



* TAX-EXEMPT STATUS *

Congratulations to Ilene Zaleski, our former IAMSILIC treasurer, for finally securing tax-exempt status for IAMSILIC. She has devoted two years of her time to dealing with the Internal Revenue Service in this quest. The final decision was received on December 6, 1984.



from the editor

As you can see from the front cover, the IAMSILIC newsletter has a new editor. This happened so quickly that I'm still not quite sure how it happened - a temporary aberration, perhaps, or maybe an overabundance of holiday spirit (or spirits?). Whatever the case, I'm the new editor. Mary Parks, our 1984 editor, has left her position as librarian at the Mote Marine Laboratory to take the position of Assistant Director at the Selby Public Library in Sarasota, Florida. She writes:

**** Thanks to all who helped me during my tenure as newsletter editor. I will miss my association with the IAMSILIC membership but will try to keep in touch with its progress. M.P. ****

I will continue as editor unless I hear from some ambitious IAMSILIC member who operates under the misapprehension that this job is fun. Do you have extra time on your hands? Do you have a deep seated neurotic need to bang endlessly on a word processor? Can cutting and pasting little pictures fulfill your need for creative expression? Have you always wanted to have an intimate relationship with the U.S. Postal Service? Apply now.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

[Editors note: At the 1983 business meeting, it was decided that criteria needed to be set up for the disbursement of travel monies. The allocation of travel funds for members of the executive board and the newsletter editor was set forth in a revision to the bylaws which was passed at this same meeting. In order to simplify a further revision, it was decided that the treasurer would have the responsibility of disbursing the travel funds according to written guidelines which were set up by the Committee for the Disbursement of Travel Funds. Below are the proposed change to the bylaws and the written guidelines as presented by Joe Wible, chairman of this committee. Voting on the bylaws change and the guidelines will take place next month by mail.]

ARTICLE VI - Officers

Section 4. Expenses of Officers and Newsletter Editor. Officers of the Association and the Newsletter Editor shall not receive compensation for their day-to-day services to the Association. The executive board may, however, set an amount annually to support officers and/or the newsletter editor's attendance at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association, the amount to be not more than 30% of revenue derived from membership dues during that fiscal year. THE TREASURER SHALL DISBURSE THESE MONIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP. Monies set aside for this purpose but not used in a given fiscal year shall revert to the general treasury at the end of that fiscal year. (Change is indicated by caps)

Guidelines for Disbursement of Travel Funds

1. A preliminary verbal request for financial assistance must be made before or during the Executive Board's spring conference phone call.
2. A formal written request for financial assistance must be submitted in writing to the Treasurer no later than the pre-conference Executive Board meeting.
3. Documentary evidence of the applicant's efforts to obtain support from his/her institution must be included with the request.
4. Reimbursement is for transportation only; round-trip economy airfare or the current Federal standard for mileage if driving. However, the total allowance for car mileage will not exceed economy airfare.
5. If there are insufficient funds to cover all expense requests, the monies shall be handled as follows:
 - a. The President-Elect, if applying, will receive full funding.
 - b. The remaining officers/newsletter editor shall divide any remaining monies according to the following formula:

individuals transportation expenses

X remaining monies

total transportation expenses requested

CALAPE SCHOOL OF FISHERIES LIBRARY

The following letter was forwarded by our Canadian regional editor, Peggy Campbell:

Ms. Cassie Mannix
Calape School of Fisheries
Calape, Bohol
Philippines 6311

Dear Sir:

I am a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer working for the next two years in the small coastal town of Calape on Bohol Island in the Philippines. I am working with the administration of the Calape School of Fisheries to improve the school's library and the availability of textbooks and educational and scientific equipment.

The Calape School of Fisheries was founded in 1980 as a municipally funded high school. At that time, there were approximately one hundred students enrolled in the freshman class. Now, four years later, the school has over 500 students and is nationally funded. The first graduating class placed second in Region VII on the National College Entrance Examinations. The school is ideally located on eleven hectares of waterfront property where fish ponds and other fisheries related projects are being planned.

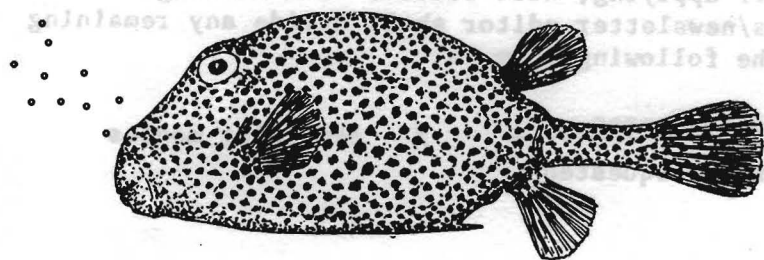
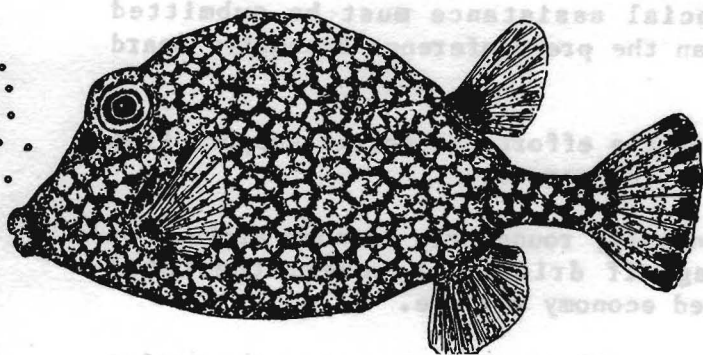
The school has great potential but is presently hampered by the lack of textbooks and a small inadequate library. We plan to organize a fisheries library and would be very interest in any information you have available that could help us with this endeavor.

Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Cassie Mannix

Ms. Cassie Mannix



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INFORMATION ON

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STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHS

A storage and retrieval procedure for photographs was devised by V. Bhavani and is now being used at the Bay of Bengal Programme, FAO. She kindly provided information on this procedure for the newsletter; however, it was too long to include. If you would find such information helpful in handling your collections, please contact: V. Bhavani, Documentalist, Bay of Bengal Programme, Post Bag no. 1054, Madras 600 018, INDIA.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER ??

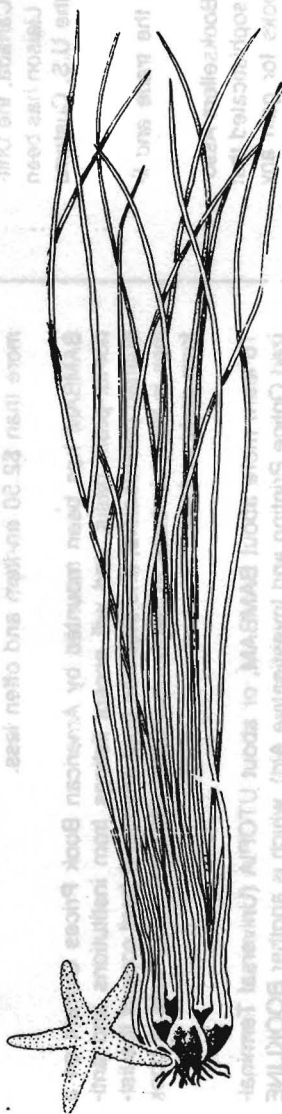
HANDBOOK ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION RESOURCES

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO has contracted Ms.D. Turnbull to prepare a Handbook on Marine Scientific and Technological Information Resources. The Handbook has been designed to establish and improve networks of marine science information exchange and documentation for developing countries. The Handbook will include annotated lists of key bibliographies, directories, databases, handbooks, indexes, abstracts, manuals, maps, films, periodicals, reference texts, reviews and taxonomic keys. It will also describe the services of institutions and organizations which provide information services to developing countries. In addition, the services of brokers and vendors will be listed.

If you wish to have your centre included in the Handbook, or have lists of key information resources you feel should be in the Handbook, please send this information to:

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*** * DEADLINE: APRIL 1 * ***



MINERVA

The following information comes from Elspeth Barnes, Librarian (Online Reference Services), James Cook University of North Queensland, Townsville Q 4811, Australia

**** With regard to electronic mail systems, you might be interested to know that both James Cook University and the Australian Institute of Marine Science access MINERVA. This is made available by the Overseas Telecommunications Commission in Australia, but interfaces with DIALCOM in the United States and TELECOM GOLD in Great Britain. E.B.

Dear Colleague:

BAMBAM (Bookline Alert: Missing Books And Manuscripts), one of the family of BOOKLINE data bases, is now in full operation. It is up and running.

BAMBAM is a data base which pinpoints missing books and manuscripts with a value of \$50.00 or more. Prints are listed if they come from bound volumes. Photographs are listed if signed.

BAMBAM is a central and convenient way to make thefts or losses known at once — without revealing where the theft or loss occurred, unless one desires to do so. Users, whether institutions such as libraries or individuals, have the option of deciding whether they want their names or a code to appear in the listings.

BAMBAM is international in scope. There are subscribers across the world including the United States, Canada, Argentina, the United Kingdom, West Germany, and Australia. The data base currently lists over 3,500 items from various countries including the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, France, West Germany, and Switzerland. Liaison has been established with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Customs Service, and the New York City Police Department.

BAMBAM has been greeted enthusiastically by both the trade and librarians:

— John H. Jenkins, past president of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, has described BAMBAM as so sophisticated that "I don't believe anyone can successfully steal books for gain any more"

The New York Times, November 15, 1981

— Alexandra Mason, chair of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, has called BAMBAM "our greatest hope" for discouraging theft

Chronicle of Higher Education, October 21, 1981

BAMBAM has received the endorsement of the antiquarian booksellers associations of both the U.S. and Great Britain as well as the Rare Books and Manuscript Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (a division of the American Library Association).

BAMBAM's method of operation is simple and economical. Users do not need a fancy or expensive terminal to access BAMBAM; indeed if they want the work done by the BAMBAM staff they do not need any computer equipment at all. Those wishing to report missing properties or to check whether an item has been reported lost can do so in three ways:

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BAMBAM has been mounted by American Book Prices Current on a not-for-profit basis, and will accept listings from institutions and antiquarian bookdealers, and inquiries from anyone. A hard copy of the listings in the data base to September 30th, 1981 will be for sale in book form early in 1982.

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Sincerely,

Katharine Kyes Leab

Daniel J. Leab

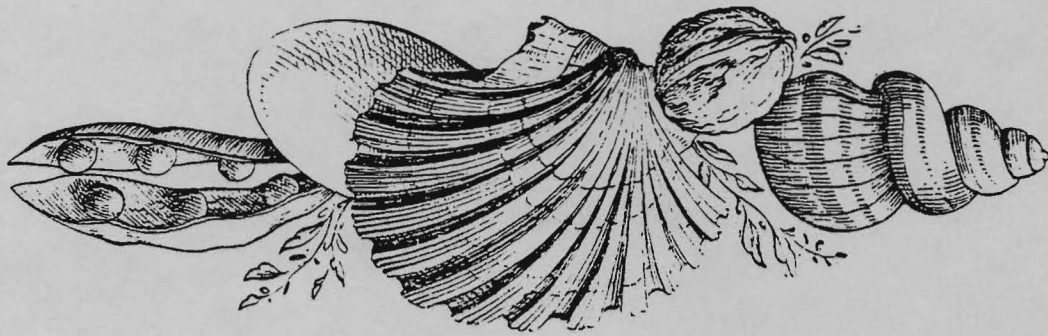
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